

## House Resolution No. 21

**Whereas**, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to honor remarkable Show-Me State couples who have experienced the good fortune of success in marriage, a most delightful task which this legislative body embraces with great enthusiasm; and

**Whereas**, the union of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Ratliff, residents of Edina, Missouri, is characterized by their enduring affection and serves as a glorious illustration of a prosperous marriage; and

**Whereas**, Cleo and Barbara Ratliff commemorated the joyous occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on December 15, 2007, at the Edina Assembly of God Church; and

**Whereas**, as they proudly marked this splendid milestone in their life, Cleo and Barbara Ratliff undoubtedly looked back with satisfaction upon all that has transpired since they pledged their eternal love to one another and began their long, joyful walk down life's path; and

**Whereas**, it was five wondrous decades ago that Cleo Ratliff, son of Emmett and Stella Shulteiss Ratliff, and Barbara Lou Songer, daughter of Dallas and Gertrude Lewis Songer, joined their hands, their hearts, and their lives together in a solemn nuptial ceremony on December 15, 1957; and

**Whereas**, over the course of the past half century, Cleo and Barbara Ratliff have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include four children and their spouses, Brenda Lou and Kenny Williams of Ft. Worth, Texas, Mike and Sonya Ratliff of Newark, Texas, Angie Robinson of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Joey and Nancy Ratliff of Lake St. Louis; and six grandchildren, Joshua, Megan, and Judson Williams, Bailey Ratliff, Tanner Robinson, and Jesse Ratliff; and

**Whereas**, Cleo and Barbara Ratliff have distinguished themselves as a remarkable couple, whose fifty years of shared joy and contentment so beautifully illustrate the strength, grace, and splendor of the lasting marriage bond:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Cleo and Barbara Ratliff upon the joyous occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and in further wishing them continued happiness in the years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Ratliff.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Munzlinger  
District No. 1

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 21, adopted January 9, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker